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although, in spite of, despite, because, however, due to, therefore

A Match each beginning on the left with its ending a, b, or c on the right.

A

- 1 Because
- 2 Because of
- 3 Due
- 4 He often felt the cold because
- 5 He often felt cold because of
- 6 He often felt cold due
- 7 In spite
- 8 Despite
- 9 Although
- 10 In spite
- 11 Despite
- 12 Although

B

- a) the rain, we stayed at home.
- b) it was raining, we stayed at home.
- c) to the rain, we stayed at home.
- a) having lived in India.
- b) to having lived in India.
- c) he had lived in India.
- a) the cost, we bought it.
- b) of the cost, we bought it.
- c) it was expensive, we bought it.
- a) she was ill, she came to the meeting.
- b) of being ill, she came to the meeting.
- c) being ill, she came to the meeting.

B Rewrite the following sentences using the word in brackets each time.

- 1 Because of the train strike, we took the car. (due)
- 2 Although I was hungry, I couldn't eat the snails. (despite)
- 3 In spite of the rough weather, the boat set sail. (although)
- 4 The economy collapsed, therefore the government resigned. (because)
- 5 They said the bridge wouldn't last; it is, however, still standing. (but)
- 6 Take my phone number; you might need it. (case)

C Here is part of a letter from Georges who has just visited Ireland. There are four mistakes in his letter; find them and correct them.

... I'm writing in case you will ever decide to go to Ireland.
Despite of the bad weather, I had a wonderful time.
Although I didn't have much money, it was still easy to
find places to stay, and in spite of having been to Ireland
twice before, I still found plenty of new things to see. Due
to it an island, the weather can be quite changeable. It's
a pity that because not having much free time I couldn't
stay longer ...